

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly requesting the Legislative Affairs Council authorize and fund a Legislative Information Office in Haines, Alaska.

WHEREAS, the residents of the Haines Borough desire to connect effectively with state government during the legislative session; and

WHEREAS, effectiveness depends on accurate communication; and

WHEREAS, accurate communication so often depends on first-hand acquisition or delivery of information; and

WHEREAS, the creation of Legislative Information Offices (LIO) in outlying regions was developed to facilitate communication and participation in state government by Alaskan residents for whom distance and finances prohibit travel to Juneau; and

WHEREAS, the Haines Borough is mindful of state fiscal constraints and thus desires to shoulder a share of the burden of creating an LIO by donating space and technology for a total reduction of start-up costs by \$14,050 and on-going costs by \$31,200 for a total cost to the state of approximately \$53,500 for a session-only 6-month LIO, with the largest portion of the costs allocated to the key to the operation – a Legislative Information Officer; and

WHEREAS, the cost of a Haines session-only LIO at \$53,500 compares favorably with the full cost of an LIO as estimated by the Manager of the Legislative Affairs Agency at \$98,750 for Haines,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. The Haines Borough Assembly respectfully requests the Legislative Affairs Council to formally consider establishing a session-only Legislative Information Office in the Haines Borough in collaboration and cooperation with the Haines Borough Library; and

Section 2. Copies of this Resolution shall be delivered to Representative Mike Hawker, Chair, Legislative Council; Senator Bert Stedman; Representative Jonathan Kriess-Tomkins; Sue Cotter, Manager, Legislative Affairs Agency, Information and Teleconferences; and Patty Brown, Library Director, Haines Borough.

ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly this 25th day of June, 2013.

Stephanie Scott, Mayor

Attest:

Michelle Webb, Deputy Clerk